

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

BIG BUCK GALA



DISPLAYS STEWART SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Photos by Randy Murray

Big Buck Gala coordinator Willie Inman hands a \$500 prize check to Big Buck contest winner, Greg Harvey, whose successful hunting season included his prize winning 10-point deer. The Gala featured displays of wildlife on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield including boar and deer.

Cook-off provides taste of the hunt

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

It was venison, not beef, that Soldiers, retirees, Family Members and members of the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community enjoyed for dinner at Club Stewart's main ballroom, Jan. 31, during the first Big Buck Gala and Venison Cook-Off.

Competitors provided attendees with many opportunities to show their appreciation or develop a taste for venison with three categories of competition that included steak, sausage or venison chili.

Staff Sgt. James Hicks, Company E, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, entered two recipes for the cook-off, steak with bacon wrapped venison tenderloins and chili with a zesty chili recipe.

Hick's steak entry brought him a third place win, but his chili was a favorite, winning first place.

"I've been hunting since I was about 9 years old," said the Camden County, Ga.

native whose 18-year career with the Army has kept him here at Stewart since 1991 except for three tours to Korea and two deployments to Iraq.

"I've been on some managed game hunts here on Fort Stewart, but I prefer to still hunt. I'd like to see another category for venison next year, and that's barbecue. When I cook barbecue, I usually use a whole ham or shoulder that I soak in...."

He stopped himself short of revealing his recipe for venison barbecue, just in case it's part of next year's cook-off.

Other winners in the Venison Cook-Off were Ted Eby, first place for sausage; Marion Van Ryswyk, second place for sausage; Cindy Lee, third place for sausage; Rodney West, first place for steak; Timothy Lee, second place for steak; Katherine Blair, second place for chili; and Hans Van Ryswyk, third place for chili.

The evening's focal point was the awarding of the winners of the Big Buck

contest, those hunters who had taken the largest buck on Fort Stewart during the 2008 deer season. The bucks' antlers were scored using the Boone and Crockett scale, which measures the number of points on each antler, the width between points on that antler, the distance between points from one antler to the other and the circumference of the antler at various positions.

Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Kennedy, with the Georgia National Guard, took 4th place overall, but also won the award for the Soldier with the largest buck, which earned him the \$200 prize.

Kennedy also will have his trophy buck's head mounted for free by Critters and More Taxidermy, a major sponsor for the Big Buck Gala. Kennedy's 8-point buck got 42.875 points on the Boone and Crockett scale. The third place buck, taken by Allen Murray, got 43.875 points. Second place was taken by Andrew Gonzales with 45.875 points. But the grand prize (\$500) went to Greg Harvey's

10-point buck, which earned 50.875 points.

No hunt is complete without the hunting story. Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Facility Manager, Willie Inman, and Outdoor Recreation Director, Susan Chipple ensured two of the best local hunter/story tellers were on-hand to entertain and teach the art of deer hunting.

Stan Kane, a retired Fort Stewart Soldier, took everyone to the woods with stories of hunting with his daughter, Sabrina, now 16; he related her learning experiences in becoming a deer hunter.

Another local hunter/story teller was Reggie Sage, also a retired Fort Stewart Soldier. Kana and Sage's story telling skills succeeded in taking everyone hunting with them.

MWR is planning a Big Gobbler and Big Bass competition for later this year. Be sure to read The Frontline newspaper and the Quality Time magazine to learn more about these competitions.

BOSS comedy show helps attendees relax at Rocky's

Spc. Michael Adams
3rd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers experience a lot of stress. There are many avenues to deal with stress, but sometimes they forget a simple way: laughter.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield sponsored a Comedy Night on Rocky's at Fort Stewart, Jan 30.

"We're trying to get the Soldiers out of the barracks and have a good time," said Staff Sgt. Michele Duncan, the Fort Stewart and Hunter installation BOSS president. "There's also some free food and some music to enjoy."

Josh Phillips and "Hurricane" Andrew were the two comedians who performed at the event.

"I love performing for the military," said Phillips. "My brother just retired from the Marine Corps, so I've been around the military and perform for the military as much as I can."

Phillips also appreciated the sacrifice Soldiers make.

"I like to make people laugh," he said. "I like what I do, but it is not as important

as what the Soldier's do. I support the Soldiers as much as I can."

Among attendees was Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division attended the event.

"We want to support BOSS," he said. "This organization is really important for the 3rd Infantry Division, Stewart, and Hunter."

Cucolo also emphasized how important it is to improve Soldier's lifestyles.

"We've improved programs for Families," he said. "We need to improve programs for single Soldiers, if we make BOSS relevant, then we can improve quality of life for single Soldiers."

Cucolo also enjoyed seeing stand-up comedy.

"It's exciting because it's live," he said. "I'm always up for a few laughs; you can never take yourself too seriously."

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, command sergeant major of the 3rd Infantry Division, also attended the event.

"We're here to support our Soldiers," said Andrews. "We want to set the example for our leadership by supporting BOSS and its programs."

Andrews also addressed how many hardships single Soldiers faced.

"A lot of single Soldiers are dislocated from their Families," he said. "Events like this give single Soldiers an opportunity to form their own Family."

The crowd laughed and cheered through the night at the comedians.

"They were funny," said Spc. Richard McNeal, a human resources specialist with the 3rd Sustainment Brigade. "It was relevant; it was real; it was beautiful."



Spc. Michael Adams

Soldiers and Family Members smile and laugh at the BOSS sponsored Comedy show, Jan. 30 at Rocky's.

Job fair brings hundreds to Club Stewart

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Nearly 400 Soldiers, Family Members and members of the civilian community came to the Civilian Job Fair,

Jan. 30 at Club Stewart, according Vickie Washington, Senior Career Expo Coordinator with Civilianjobs.com. Job seekers and those looking for better opportunities stood in line to speak with representatives from major corporations, the Georgia Department of Labor, city police departments, federal contractors and federal agencies, including Secret Service and the Border Patrol.

"I've got about two more years to retirement," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Miller, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team. "I'm just looking for what's out there."

Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Jeff Kanama said his agency, like so many other government agencies is looking for the skills and experiences Soldiers.

"We are hiring," Kanama emphasized to Soldiers and veterans who stopped at his table where he and Senior Patrol Agent Nicholas Watson explained the day to day

duties of those who guard our nation's borders. "What the military has [in its people, their training and experiences] is exactly what we need."

In addition to corporate representatives, the University of Phoenix had school representatives on hand, which served as a reminder for some of those looking for better opportunities that a little re-training might be considered to improve their qualifications. Civilianjobs.com, MilitaryResumes.com and other employment referral companies also attended the job fair.

A couple of police departments were on-hand looking to fill immediate openings including Marta Police Department, www.itsmarta.com, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police.

Capt. Don Harkey, (877) 525-6145, recruitment section representative with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said they will return to Fort Stewart, March 4. Those interested in taking the entry level police officer exam on March 4 should call the Army Career Alumni Program at 767-2611 for an appointment.

Civilianjobs.com sponsored the job fair in conjunction with the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield transition office. Civilianjobs.com was created to offer online recruiting solutions to job seekers transitions from the military and military veterans with business experience. For more information, go to www.civilian-jobs.com.



Randy Murray

About 400 Soldiers, Family Members, veterans and community members gathered at Club Stewart, Jan. 30 for the Civilian Job Fair.

MWR Briefs

Teen dance slated

Child and Youth School Servces hosts two dances, Saturday at the Youth Center, building 1289.

For youth, 11-12 years old, the dance will be 7-10 p.m.; for youth 13-18, the dance is 8-11 p.m. The dances are open to CYSS members and their guests. Dress to impress. The cost is \$2 for CYSS members and \$3 for their guests. For details, call 315-5708.

Gear up for Ranger Run

Sign up for the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K, 9 a.m., Feb. 28 on Hunter. Register by Feb. 20; cost is \$25. The race is limited to the first 1,000 participants. Proceeds benefit the 1st Ranger Battalion Family Readiness Group. Sign-up at the Ranger HQ, Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah or Savannah Striders, WTOC in Savannah or their respective Web Sites.

Sock-hop, dinner

Put on your dance shoes and enjoy the Emergency Assistance Teams' Sock-Hop and a dinner 7 p.m., Feb.

28 at 189 John Wells Rd., off Highway 196, west. Tickets are \$10 each. Donations welcome. The dance is a fundraiser for the Emergency Assistance Team.

Visit Shop of the Marne

The Shop of the Marne has new hours. Starting Feb. 3, Shop of the Marne will be open each Tuesday through Thursday and the first Saturday of the month - 10 a.m. 1 p.m., Feb. 7 and March 7. The Shop of the Marne is located off McNeely Road in building 25. The Shop of the Marne is a not-for-profit gift shop run by the Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club. If you are interested in consigning hand crafted items at the Shop or volunteering please call 767-9268.

Ebony Fashion Fair Show Trip held

Child, Youth and School Services members (ages 11-18) can see what's hip, what's hot and what's now on the Ebony Fashion Fair Show trip Feb. 8.

Youth will depart the Fort Stewart Youth Center for the Savannah Civic Center at 5 p.m. and return at 11 p.m.

The cost for what is described as the world's largest traveling fashion show is \$30 per person. For more information, call 767-4491 or 767-4493

Sign up for youth soccer, track and field

Registration for Child and Youth School Services Track and Field and Spring Soccer is underway and is open to all CYSS members living on or off-post, ages 7-14 (as of Dec. 31) for track and field, or 4-13 (as of April 1) for soccer.

For more information, registration or to learn how to become a CYSS member, call 767-2312. For more information on the Track and Field program, call 767-9270. For soccer information, call 767-4371.

Register for t-ball

Registration for the Hunter Youth T-Ball/Baseball season begins in mid-April and continues through mid-June — will be held from Feb. 9 through March 13 at Youth Center, building 1289. The cost is \$25 per player. For more information, call 315-5851.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY

Bedtime Stories

Today — 7 p.m.
(Adam Sandler, Keri Russell)
Hotel handyman Skeeter's life is changed forever when the bedtime stories he tells his niece and nephew start to come true. He attempts to take advantage of the phenomenon, incorporating his own aspirations into one outlandish tale after another, but it's the kids' unexpected contributions that turn Skeeter's

life upside down. *Rated PG (rude humor, mild language) 99 min*

Valkyrie

Friday — 7 p.m.
(Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh)
Colonel Von Stauffenberg is a loyal officer who serves his country all the while hoping that someone will find a way to stop Hitler. Realizing that time is running out, he decides that he must take action himself and joins the German resistance. Armed with a cunning strategy to use Hitler's own emergency plan- known as Operation Valkyrie- these men plot to assassinate the dictator and overthrow his Nazi government from the inside. *Rated PG-13 (violence, language) 121 min*

Marley & Me

Saturday, Sunday — 7 p.m.
(Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston)

Marley is a yellow lab adopted by John and his wife Jenny. Their idea was to give them a taste of parenthood, but the dog proved to be a hyperactive handful. He wreaks havoc and gets kicked out of obedience school; yet Marley quickly becomes a rollicking force of nature in their lives. *Rated PG (thematic material, suggestive content, language) 115 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

Pet of the Week

Kip the dog and Nub the cat are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in

their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Recalled news: checking product recall information

Maj. Kirsten M. Anke
Public Health Nurse

Remember hearing about lead found in children's toys and jewelry?

Sometimes consumer product recalls make national news, but every month there are new lists of product recalls and recall alerts. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission monitors over 15,000 kinds of household items and sports equipment. The CPSC reports products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard or products that can injure children.

Military Families are great at purging and merging "stuff." When the time comes to move, whatever clothing, toys or furniture we do not need or want we gladly sell or donate.

When at the next location, we often inherit or obtain appliances, electronics, outdoor equipment and much more to help make the most of the assignment. Whether we buy retail or shop and sell through yard sales, thrift shops, advertisements in the local

paper, postings on a community bulletin board or online, we need to know if the product has been recalled for any reason. What about the safety of your food, medicine, cosmetics, pesticides, motor vehicles and boats?

Look to www.recalls.gov for all federal product recalls. At this site, you have access to six different federal agencies that report unsafe, hazardous or defective products. Before you buy, sell, donate or accept children's car safety seats, pet supplies, household or yard chemicals or any other product, make sure there is not a recall on the item.

An easy way to stay informed is to sign up for free e-mail alerts and safety notices from the different federal agencies:

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov, for appliances, clothing, children's products, electronic and electrical equipment, furniture, lighting, household and outdoor items, and sports and exercise equipment.

Food and Drug Administration

Visit the Food and Drug Administration at www.fda.gov, for food, drugs, vaccines, cosmetics, medical devices, and animal feed.

USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service

Visit www.fsis.usda.gov for information regarding meat, poultry products and eggs.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The EPA at www.epa.gov has information regarding pesticides, rodenticides, and vehicle emission testing.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.safercar.gov, for child safety seats, tires, motor vehicles and equipment.

U.S. Coast Guard,

The Coast Guard, at www.uscgboating.org, has information about boating safety, recreational boats and personal watercraft, and boat manufacturer-installed equipment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

January 11

• **Lindsey Miriam Berry**, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to 2nd Lt .Lydia Cummings Berry.

January 17

• **Jelani William Monserrate**, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. William Monserrate and Spc. Joel Ferguson.

January 21

• **Briana Ariel Allen**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Edwin Benard Allen and Pfc. Britney Michela Sharp.

• **Audryana Mikayla Colon**, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Andre Alfredo Colon and Rebecca Yvetta Colon.

January 23

• **Breanna Marie Gentry**, a girl, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Wayne Gentry Jr. and Amy Marie Gentry.

• **Steven Antonio Ramos**, a boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Rafael A.

Ramos and Iraida Ramos.

• **Malaya Karen Smith**, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Calvin Angelo Smith and Jaleesa Deandria Smith.

• **Heath Charles-Lee Wagner**, a boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Eugene Wagner and Nina Karolina Wagner.

January 24

• **Kerrington Elizabeth Bradley**, a girl, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Johnathan Daniel Bradley and Meghan Lynn Bradley.

January 27

• **Hailey Anne Newberry**, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Nicholas Newberry and Dana Newberry.

January 28

• **Gary Eric Nations Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Gary E. Nations and Jennifer R. Nations.

Winn Briefs

February is Heart Month

In observance of Heart Month, Winn Army Community Hospital's Public Health Nursing will conduct health screenings (glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol checks) at the Fort Stewart PX from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 10 and at the Hunter Army Airfield PX from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 11. For more information, call 435-5071.

Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

Monday, Feb. 16 is President's Day, a Federal holiday. On Feb. 16, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. The pharmacy will be closed Feb. 16. Full operations resume Feb. 17.

All services, to include the pharmacy, at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Feb. 16. Full operations will resume Feb. 17.

Healthcare Covenant signing

The Army Warrior Healthcare

Covenant signing ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Fort Stewart Main Post Chapel. The Army Warrior Healthcare Covenant is the Army's commitment to our Warriors and their Families to provide them quality healthcare and services.

Health Beat newsletter online

You can check out the Health Beat newsletter online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil/health-beat. This is a patient and Family centered care monthly newsletter with information and updates for the beneficiaries of Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic.

Permanent closure of road

Effective Jan. 12, the Winn Army Community Hospital access road section between the MRI trailer and building 303 will be permanently closed. This road has been permanently closed for security and safety risk reduction. If you have any questions, please call 435-5216.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt) Darren Turner
1st Battalion, 30th Infantry

As a battalion chaplain, I've encountered numerous Soldiers who are involved in a toxic relationship both married and single. Many of these great Americans do not even realize it.

It seems "normal", but it is far from it. Recognizing toxic relationships can help Soldiers avoid long-term problems especially when a deployment is in the immediate future. For single Soldiers, getting out of a toxic relationship before it is too late is often my advice.

For married Soldiers, getting some serious marriage counseling is necessary to ensure a successful homefront. Here are three signs of a toxic relationship. If one is present, it can often be resolved through honest frank counseling.

If more than one is present, the relationship is in danger of failing, and ultimately the Soldier will suffer the consequences of not addressing the issues.

Isolation from friends and Family.

In the beginning, being alone with your partner feels great. A relationship needs to develop a strong foundation of getting to know one another. However, as time goes by and the "honeymoon" period is over, jealousy and insecurity can take over and attempt to isolate the relationship. A person may not like friends and Family being a part of the picture. Your partner begins to influence you into thinking he/she is the only one you need to talk to. This is not healthy. You need input from positive relationships in your life, and often your friends and Family will see this toxic stage beginning to form. Beware if your partner is never open to hanging out with friends and Family, especially if those friends and Family have a positive influence in your life.

Deception.

If you catch your partner in a series of lies, cover ups and unshared secrets, it's time to reassess the relationship. Deception destroys trust which is the foundation

of any healthy relationship. Where there is no trust, there is no future (except a bad one). Get help, or the relationship will come to a quick bitter end.

Abuse – Physical, Emotional, Sexual.

Any kind of abuse is a sure sign of a toxic relationship. Do not think it is okay. It is not. If you are the abuser, separate yourself and get help immediately. Do the right thing, recognize your issue, and seek to stop it. If you are the abused, separate yourself from the abuser for a period of time. Seek a safe place to stay, and ask the abuser to not contact you until you both have had time to address the issue. Do not reconnect until there has been substantial healing and growth.

A Soldier's relationships are keys to a successful career, deployment and homefront. There are more issues that point to a toxic relationship, but these three are common in the military. If you and/or your partner need help, ask to speak with your chaplain or other Family counseling resource on post.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
<u>Islamic</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
<u>Jewish</u>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

Latter-Day Saints

Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church
Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty
and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty
Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia,
Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel
Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior
High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or
call 877-7207.

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir is looking for interested participants. If you would like to sing with this choir, please contact Judy Forshee at 977-5918 or email judith.forshee@us.army.mil or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 extension 209 or email rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org. Opportunities are also available for the Community Chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The 2009 Concert Season begins Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

For more information, visit
The Frontline online at
www.stewart.army.mil.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Library Programs

Preschool Storytime

Children, ages 3 to 4 years-old are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m. each Monday. For children, ages 1-2, stories will be read 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

Introduction to Publisher

Learn to use this desktop publishing program to create newsletters, fliers, calendars, and more 10:30 a.m., Feb. 7 at Liberty Branch Library. Intermediate Word is a prerequisite. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Story time for children

Razzle Dazzle! The magical art of storytelling, presented by Lillian Grant-Baptiste is 10:30 a.m., Feb. 9 at the Liberty Branch Library for children 5 and older. Young participants who attend this session will take a magical and interactive journey into the world of storytelling. They will be dazzled and delighted by the colorful and energetic performance. For more information, call 368-4003.

Find it at your library with the Internet

Learn to use electronic databases found in GALILEO or others on our internet page in this class, 7 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Liberty Branch Library. A prerequisite is Introduction to the Internet or similar skills. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Computer practice session slated

Want to practice skills that you discovered at the last computer class? Or, if you want to brush up on some computer techniques, come on in. Staff will be ready and able to assist you with the questions that you might have 10:30, Feb. 12 and 26. For more information, call Liberty Branch Library at 368-4003

Introduction to Windows

A beginner's computer course on using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing is offered 10:30 a.m., Feb. 19 at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Enjoy Black Heritage Bingo

Black Heritage Bingo features events and African Americans who have changed the world. It is held 5 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Midway Branch Library, 884-5742. In addition it will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 21 at Liberty Branch Library. For more information, call 368-4003. The event is designed for ages 5 and older.

Mardi Gras Auction slated

Enjoy Cajun cuisine and the sounds of the Ben Tucker Trio while bidding on many fantastic items at the second annual St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School Mardi Gras Auction 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Sonny Dixon will be our guest auctioneer for the live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and include dinner and drinks. For more information, call 925-6249.

National Infantry Museum to open

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center dedication and opening is scheduled for March 19 in Columbus, Ga. The Soldier Center, which includes an IMAX theater, restaurant, gift shop, lobby, 2nd Regiment gallery, classrooms and Ranger and Officer Candidate School Halls of Honor will open as scheduled on March 20. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

Enjoy Savannah Winds

The Spring concert of the Savannah Winds will be given 7:30 p.m., March 10 in the Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Hall, 11935 Abercorn St. Tickets are available by calling 912-344-2801, ordering online (MC or VISA) at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets, or at the door.

Volunteer at Fort McAllister

Fort McAllister State Historic Park will hold a Civil War Trust Volunteer Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 4. Volunteers will assist the park staff with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds.

T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort. For more information, contact Daniel Brown, park manager at 727-2339.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah

The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public

Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah. StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time.

3ID Society Reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo. 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Includes a free breakfast and free airport transportation.

For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunion-brat.com. The Society of the 3rd ID is seeking those who served in the Marne Division and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke, (803) 782-7517.

Free Family Day at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Georgia 4-H, Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Georgia Operation: Military Kids will host a Military Family Day on March 21 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga. Beginning 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. after a matinee performance by Clovers & Company. Families may participate in 4-H environmental education workshops and other recreation activities that include exhibits and performances. Lunch and dinner will be provided for all military Families (active duty, National Guard, and Reserve.) There is no cost to participate; however, Families must register by Feb. 27. Registration forms can be found at www.georgia4h.org/omk. For more information on how UGA can support you as a military Family by calling 800-ASK-UGA1.

Enjoy a paintball weekend

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military on the first weekend of each month. With more than 150 guns, group rates, and 63 acres to train on. For more information, call 663-2314.

Phonebook Recycling Drive

Keep Savannah Beautiful and SCCPSS have teamed up for their annual phonebook recycling drive. Phonebooks, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books and white office paper are being accepted now through March 31. The collection process uses the existing red and green or yellow bins stationed at schools in Savannah and surrounding. If your school does not have a bin, phonebooks can be dropped off at recycling stations at 10 Hoss Drive in Garden City. Their hours of operation are: Monday through 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Friday. Be sure to specify which school you are supporting so they will receive credit for your donation. For more information, call 964-4224.

Dollars for Disasters Week

The Savannah public school system and Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross kicks off its 3rd annual Dollars for Disasters Week, Jan. 26 to raise funds for local disaster relief. The campaign lasts through Jan. 30. The ceremony, held at the Board of Education Central Office, 208 Bull Street, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, contact the local Red Cross at 651-5300 or visit www.savannahredcross.org.

School board meeting slated

Fifth District School Board member, Irene Hines, will host a town hall meeting 6:30 p.m., Jan. 26 at Bartlett Middle School. A roundtable discussion will be held on a number of topics including annual year program, curriculum, student achievement, school improvements, specialty programs and more. A question and answer session will be held. Joining Mrs. Hines for the meeting will be the Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Lockamy, and his executive staff. Principals from the fifth district schools (Haven Elementary, Largo-Tibet Elementary, Pulaski Elementary, Bartlett Middle and Derenne Middle) will also be in attendance. Everyone is invited.

Abraham Lincoln Museum Exhibition

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and

Museum has selected Massie Heritage Center to host a traveling exhibit in celebration of the 16th president's 200th birthday. The exhibit is composed of seven learning stations that examine Lincoln's life from his humble beginnings to his ascension to the Presidency and his assassination. The exhibit will be on display at Massie from Jan. 29 to Feb. 20 and is open to the public. For more information call 201-5070.

Savannah Reads event

The Massie Heritage Center has scheduled a discussion featuring author Stephen Berry about his book "House of Abraham: Lincoln and the Todds, A Family Divided by War," 7 p.m., Jan. 29. The lecture is the first Savannah Reads event of the year. A reception will be held following the event.

District Social Science Fair

The District Social Science Fair for students in grades 5-12 will be held on Feb. 4 at the Massie Heritage Center. First and second place winning projects in each division will be eligible to enter the Regional Fair held Feb. 21 at Georgia Southern University.

Georgia Day Parade

The annual Georgia Day Parade will be held on 10:30 a.m., Feb. 12 in Forsyth Park at Bull and Gaston Streets. The event involves thousands of elementary school students as they march behind banners honoring the legacy of Johnny Mercer and commemorating the founding of Georgia in 1733. After the festivities, students are invited to eat their lunches in Calhoun Square and enjoy a piece of Abraham Lincoln birthday celebration cake.

Sherman in Savannah remembered

A special guided walking tour will take guests through the Green-Meldrim House; the Second African Baptist Church; Colonial Park Cemetery; and Massie School. The event will take place on Feb. 15. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the guided tour and museum admission. For more information contact the Massie Heritage Center at 201-5070.

Windsor Forest student mentoring slated

Twenty Windsor Forest High School students are traveling to Windsor Forest Elementary once a week to work with second grade students. The high school students have been trained in a special program called Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors and will mento the second grade students as well as tutor them in reading. For more information contact Dee-Ann Baldwin, Windsor Forest Elementary School counselor, at 961-3353.

Georgetown Elementary PTA Meeting

Georgetown Elementary will hold their PTA meeting on Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The meeting will also feature performances by third and fifth grade students. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Jenny Johnson at 920-8588.

Mercer Middle School Open House

Mercer Middle School invites 5th grade students and their parents to an Open House 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 3. The event will give you the opportunity to learn more about the school's programs and meet faculty and staff members. For more information, contact Julie Nichols at 965-6700.

Book Fair at Largo-Tibet

Largo-Tibet Elementary School will hold their annual Scholastic Book Fair on Feb. 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parents and community members are invited to enjoy a night of pizza and help promote the joy of reading.

Wildcat Wellness Night

Windsor Forest Elementary will hold "Wildcat Wellness Night," 6-8 p.m., Feb. 5 in the school's office wing classrooms. Information concerning both student and adult health will be provided. Some of the topics include Medicaid, dentistry, blood pressure checks, and American Cancer Society programs. For more information, contact Dee Baldwin, school counselor at 961-3353.

Georgia society hosts Family fun with history

Courtesy of GHS

The Georgia Historical Society and the Wormsloe Historic Site invite community members to join the free fun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 7-8 for the annual Georgia Days Colonial Faire and Muster.

The Colonial Faire and Muster has been a Savannah tradition for the past nine years. Attendees at this GHS's Georgia Days tradition will step back into history on the site of one of the earliest and most beautiful colonial-era plantations of the Georgia coast.

Guests can visit the ruins of the plantation house and slave cabin, while costumed interpreters, colonial-era musi-

cians, and a host of demonstrations evoke the spirit of colonial Georgia for visitors of all ages. A schedule of events is available upon arrival at the Faire and Muster, and will detail the many exciting activities that will be going on throughout the weekend.

In addition, from noon to 4 p.m., GHS sponsors Super Museum Sunday in conjunction with area museums and historic sites. Don't miss this once-a-year event, as historic home museums, art museums, and other cultural organizations in Georgia's First City open their doors to the public at no charge during this annual Georgia Historical Society's Georgia Days event.

Volunteer Spotlight



Claudia Aikens

Claudia Aikens of Berlin, Germany is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Operating Room at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Aikens volunteers because she enjoys working at Winn since she did her clinical hours as a licensed practical nurse student here.

She would also like to get more experience and to give back to the community. One of her hobbies is reading.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.



Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Humorous presentation slated

Are you laughing enough? Nationally-known speaker and consultant Craig Zablocki will present a lighthearted and humorous presentation entitled Positively Humor on Feb. 11 at Fort Stewart. This presentation will leave you motivated and inspired to see life in a different way. You will be moved to take action that will bring positive results both to your work and personal life.

Craig's unscripted style has been compared to a hybrid of Robin Williams and Wayne Dyer. He uses humor to create a safe place to help you explore your own feelings regarding stress, tragedy, or any hardship. Learn the importance of accepting what is and how to take that journey one moment at a time. There will be three 1-hr. presentations at the Main Post Chapel beginning at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Open to Soldiers and their spouses (due to the content of this presentation, please do not bring children). For more information, please contact your local ACS.

Newcomers invited to orientations

Newcomers to Hunter Army Airfield are invited to a windshield bus tour departing 9:30 a.m., Feb. 19 from ACS-Hunter. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for 11 a.m., Mar. 12 because you won't want to miss the Newcomer's Expo and Information Fair at Hunter Club.

Fort Stewart offers a comprehensive newcomer's orientation each Tuesday and Thursday with an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area. A windshield bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m. from the Soldier Service Center, also each Tuesday and Thursday.

To register for bus tours, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart and ask for Relocation Readiness. To register for Stewart's newcomer orien-

tation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176.

Chill, Chat at Hunter

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed, stressed out, or sad? Chill and Chat gives you a chance to talk and unload your concerns. Hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS-Hunter (no session on Feb. 16 due to the holiday), Chill and Chat offers an opportunity to discuss deployment or any other concerns with a knowledgeable professional. Please call 315-6816 and let us know you will be coming.

Learn about combat stress

Come to a free discussion entitled Understanding and Successfully Managing Combat Stress presented by the Military and Family Life Consultants. Soldiers and spouses are invited to participate in this realistic yet optimistic discussion on Combat Stress and how to cope with the symptoms. The session begins at 12:30 p.m. at ACS-Hunter Feb. 9. The session repeats at 10:30 a.m. at ACS-Stewart Feb. 11. For directions or information, please call 767-5058/5059. Also ask about child care.

Don't let emotions control you

Come to a full-day workshop and learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors, positive ways to react to an angry person, healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions, and information on the many community resources available to help when stress, anger, or conflict disrupt your home or work life. To register for the stress and anger management workshop, call 315-6816 for the Feb. 6 session at Hunter, or 767-5058/5059 for the Feb. 27 session at Stewart.

Overseas briefings slated

Moving to Alaska or Hawaii? Come and learn about your new duty station! You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one.

Family Members are highly encouraged to attend. Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the overseas briefing at Stewart on Feb. 17 or call 315-6816 to sign up for the Feb. 18 briefing at Hunter. Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

Understand your baby

Parents with a newborn or those who are expecting are invited to Baby Talk. Learn the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant. Baby Talk is offered at

Stewart Feb. 11 and at Hunter Feb. 24. Grandparents and caregivers are also invited to attend. To register, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on Dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call 315-6816 to register for the class at Hunter, Feb. 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m., or 767-5058/5059 for the class at Stewart, Feb. 25 beginning at 10 a.m.

Live life debt-free

Yes! It is possible to live without debt when you learn to manage your personal finances, understand credit terms, and develop efficient plans to pay off debt. Register now for Life without Debt, presented by your financial readiness team. We will teach you the skills you need to get control of your finances so you can enjoy life without debt! The class is conveniently offered at Stewart beginning at 6 p.m.. Feb. 11. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Also ask about a no-cost personal financial counseling session.

Learn about credit reports

Do you know your credit score? Have you reviewed your credit report? Here's your opportunity to learn the true facts of what is and what is not included in your credit report and score, and how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history for public records, your creditors, and other sources. Also learn what is considered potentially negative on your credit report and your rights as a consumer to dispute items. This special finance class at Stewart begins 2 p.m., Feb. 18. Please call 767-5058/5059 to register.

Keep your money

Have you ever paid an overdraft fee to your bank? Most everyone has at one time or another, but there are several things you can do to avoid it. At Hunter, Money Management focuses on personal finances skills including checking account management and debt management. At Stewart, Checking Account Management teaches you the importance of properly balancing your checkbook and reconciling your bank account to avoid those nagging overdraft fees. Take steps now to keep your money in your pocket instead of giving it to the bank! Call 315-6816 to register for the 9 a.m. class at Hunter Feb. 11, or 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. class at Stewart, Feb. 25.

Celebrate trees everyday at Stewart-Hunter

Courtesy of DPW Environmental

Arbor Day first began in Nebraska on April 10, 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton (1832-1902). The word *arbor* is the Latin meaning for tree. This day is set aside for everyone to think about the importance of trees in our lives and communities. Often, people celebrate this day by planting trees in their yards and in their communities, caring for them, and learning about their value. Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states and around the world.

National Arbor Day is recognized on the last Friday of April; however, each state celebrates Arbor Day at a time when it is appropriate to plant trees in that region.

The first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly in December, 1890. In 1941, the General Assembly set the third Friday in February as the day of our state Arbor Day. However, Fort Stewart chooses to plant trees in April in recognition of the National Arbor Day and in conjunction with Earth Day. With proper care and extra watering, April planting is acceptable.

This year, Georgia's official Arbor Day is Feb. 20. Our state tree is the "Live Oak," *Quercus Virginiana*. The largest live oak located in Waycross, Ga., a National Co-Champion, is 77 feet tall, with a limb spread of 140 feet.

Although we may often take trees for granted, trees provide numerous diverse benefits to people, animals, and the environment.

- Provide food, shelter, shade, and energy.
- Help clean the air and water.
- Provide soil stability, increase flood control, regenerate soil conditions by nutrient and mineral cycling and retention.
- Help to moderate the climate and act as natural barriers to the elements.
- Decrease carbon dioxide from the air and provide oxygen.

• Provide numerous recreational opportunities that are aesthetically pleasing.

• Provide medicinal, educational, economic, physical and mental health benefits.

As Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield approaches Arbor Day 2009, it is fitting to reflect on the importance of our forestlands. Not only have they been a source of revenue to be shared with our neighbors and a habitat for wildlife, but also an environment for training – one worth preserving for the future.

Stewart-Hunter is dedicated to preserving and enhancing our environment by being proactive in the care of our urban forests (including all of the trees and other vegetation in and around a city, village or development) not only on Arbor Day, but everyday. This can be accomplished by educating the young on the needs of trees and through outreach events which foster public awareness of our urban forests. The Fort Stewart Forestry Branch occasionally works with local schools as well as Cub Scout and Boy Scout organizations to teach them about the proper care of trees.

Last year, Bob McCarty of Department of Public Work's Environmental Forestry Branch in partnership with Keep Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Beautiful conducted six tree plantings of the Crepe Myrtle, a popular tree seen throughout the

Installation. The plantings were held at Brittin, Diamond and Kessler Elementary as well as Stewart-Hunter Child Development and Youth Services Centers. The students learned about the ecological importance of trees and how to plant a tree correctly.



Sgt. Joseph McAtee

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion demonstrate an event from the Olympics to students of Joseph Martin Elementary School, Jan. 30. The STB sent troops to help facilitate events, including a pie-eating contest, a sack race and an obstacle course.

This year, the installation will again recognize both Arbor Day and Earth Day in April, but making the commitment to take better care of our trees and environment begins today in order to continue meeting the current and future needs of Soldiers, their Families, and the nation through sound stewardship of our environmental resources.

For more information on the forestry program, call 435-8030.